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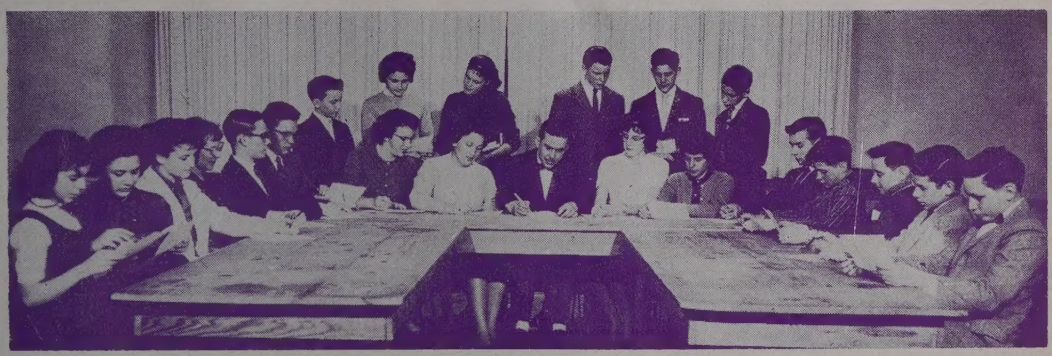

The Winning Christian Endeavor Society

High School Youth Vespers Group
Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania

The Winning Individuals

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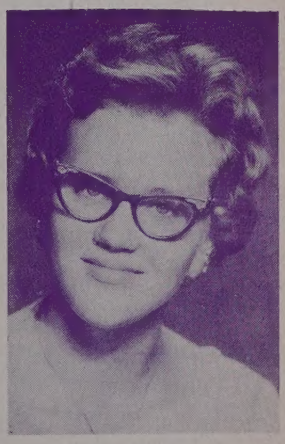
LaMarque, Texas
Top Winner, Division A

David M. Olson
Minneapolis, Minnesota
First Place, Division B



Citizenship Contest Winners

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

Cover

The winning society in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest will receive a cash award of $150; the top individual winners receive a cash award of $150 plus a grant (to a maximum of $150) for expenses of attending Citizenship Convocation, Ottawa, Ontario, July 1-3. The winning society Report and the two winning "Letters" are published in this issue.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary . . . .

ANNOUNCING . . . . . .

You will be interested in some significant actions taken by the Executive Committee as it met in Chicago recently.

Constantly the Executive Committee is on the alert for new means, changes, improvements in organization, etc., that will make for better service to the cause of Christian Endeavor through the International Society. Another forward step has just been taken. Phyllis Rike, who first came onto the Staff in 1957 as assistant secretary, has been named administrative secretary with broadened responsibilities, including the staff supervision of the headquarters office and personnel, production schedules and promotion activities. This move is intended to free the general secretary from some of these activities, releasing him for closer attention to other matters, including the expansion of the Cost-For-A-Day Movement, a major facet of the finance program of the International Society, by which annual memberships are supplemented.

The history of Phyllis Rike's activity at International Headquarters has been a history of constant advance. In terms of years of service she holds seniority over all other headquarters associates and Staff, having come into the headquarters work in 1946 when the offices were moved from Boston to Columbus. For a number of years she served as assistant to the general secretary. Still as an associate, she was named executive assistant in 1956 and came into Staff status in 1957. She continues to serve as editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, a position to which she was named in 1956.

Another action taken by the Executive Committee makes Delno W. Brown, new educational secretary and citizenship director of the International Society, the topics editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. In this capacity he will be responsible for the coordination of the development of topic treatments appearing regularly in the pages of the official organ of Christian Endeavor International.

IN MEMORY OF . . . . . .

You ought to know of three very attractive and useful memorial gifts which came to the International Society. The former Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference, now a part of the Executives' Program Council, presented a handsome red leather bound, gold engraved, Book of Remembrance in memory of the late Russell S. Gowdey. Russell had served as president of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union, had been a president of the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference, and was on his way to a meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Society when he met his death in a plane crash. The Illinois friends of the late Mrs. William V. Martin of Illinois presented a slide and filmstrip projector. Mrs. Martin's name was synonymous with Junior Christian Endeavor work for many years. Merritt L. Smith, member of the Executive and Finance Committees, presented a Minolta Autocord camera with electronic flash unit in memory of his mother, a long-time and life-long member of Christian Endeavor.

Many of the needs of Christian Endeavor International are met through just such gifts as these. We are grateful to the donors and praise God for the fruitful lives of those honored. If you are interested in making a similar memorial gift, write today to the general secretary for information.

WE ARE GLAD . . . . . .

The legions of friends of World's Union president Dr. Daniel A. Poling will rejoice at a new and significant honor that has come to him. In recognition of his distinguished service to The Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, for over forty years, the Consistory of the Collegiate Church and the Classis of New York of the Reformed Church in America has conferred upon Dr. Poling the title of Minister Emeritus. This is a well-merited recognition of wonderful and faithful service, not only to a local parish church, but to an entire denomination, and to the whole Protestant cause. May God continue to wonderfully bless Dr. Poling and to mightily use him in His service.

ON TO MEXICO . . . . . .

How are your plans progressing for the summer? Time is running out—why not decide right now on attending the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in Mexico City, August 17-20. There are still a few places in our International Fellowship Tour of Mexico, August 6-28.

Harold Westerhoff

47 Youth and Three Societies Win Top Honors In Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest

Albert H. Diebold Awards Totaling $1,100, Plus Two Trips to Ottawa, To Be Presented at Citizenship Rally July 2 During Convocation

The winners in Christian Endeavor's ninth annual Citizenship est will be honored during the Citizenship Convocation in va, Ontario, this July, according to announcement made tly by Delno W. Brown, citizenship director of the Interna- l Society.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards will be presented to contest ers on Saturday evening, July 2. Speaker for the mass rally be the right honorable John G. Diefenbaker, Prime Minister nada.

Individual winners were selected on the basis of "An Open r" on CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP — UNLIMITED! along a service record indicating the character and activities of contestant. Youth were judged in two divisions—Division A ll in 12th grade or below; Division B for those who had leted 12th grade but were under 25 on February 8. Top ers in each division were selected in each state or province; these entries then were judged for regional honors. First place contestants in each of the regions were eligible for the International judging.

In the society section of the contest, introduced for the first time this year, winners were selected on the International level only. Awards were based on a significant Christian citizenship project sponsored and reported by the group.

International judges for the individual section of the contest were: Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, International Society and World's Union officer; Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas; and Dr. James DeForest Murch, managing editor of CHRISTIANITY TODAY. Judges for the society section were: Jack R. Alton, lawyer, Columbus, Ohio; Rev. Paul D. Dunn, Evangelical Congregational minister, Akron, Ohio; R. Owen Harrison, bank executive, Columbus, Ohio; Robert S. Hildreth, past president, Ohio Union; and Jay Sheffield, editor of THE LOOKOUT.

THE WINNERS

Individual Section

irst Award—$150 each and rip to Ottawa Convocation

Division A
Gloria I. McDonald
LaMarque, Texas
Division B
David M. Olson
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Second Award—$75 each

Division A
Francis E. Hykes, Jr.
New Philadelphia, Ohio
Division B
Donald R. Zick
Freedom, Wisconsin

Third Award—$50 each

Division A
Jane Anne Dunlop
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
Division B
Mona Washburn
Birmingham, Alabama

Runners-Up in Finals—$25 each

Division A
E. Wayne Cruzan
Westerly, Rhode Island
Janice Friedrich
Klamath Falls, Oregon
Dennis R. Goodman
Louisiana, Missouri
Melvin F. Stephan
Denver, Colorado
Mary E. Thompson
Siler City, North Carolina
Dorothy Anne Watson
Woodstock, New York

Division B
David F. Boyer
Pasadena, California
Shirley M. Fretz
Stevensville, Ontario, Canada
J. Barry Higgins
Jersey City, New Jersey
James H. Hornsby
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Recognition Certificates and Award Emblems

To all winners listed above and to all state and provincial winners whose names and photos appear on Pages 6 and 7.

Honor Certificates

To all other qualified participants who completed their "Letters" and Service Records.

Society Section

First Award—$150

High School Vespers Group, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania

Second Award—$75

Senior Christian Endeavor Society, Grace United Brethren In Christ Church, Sherkston, Ontario, Canada

Third Award—$25

Senior Christian Endeavor Society, Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, Illinois

Certificates of Recognition

To all qualified participants who completed their Reports.

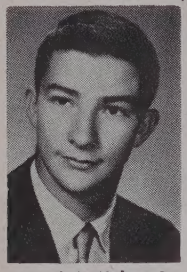
lging individual entries in the contest are om left to right) Dr. James DeForest Murch, no W. Brown, Senator Frank Carlson, and . Ernest R. Bryan.

Busy judging entries in the society section of the contest are (clockwise, from left) Delno W. Brown, Jay Sheffield, Rev. Paul D. Dunn, Jack R. Alton, Robert S. Hildreth, and R. Owen Harrison. The judges met at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

Individual Winners in Citizenship Contest Finals

Division A

Second Place—$75



Francis E. Hykes, Jr.
Ohio
Great Lakes (A)

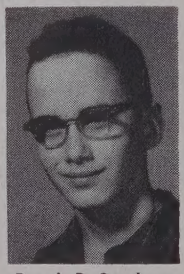
Third Award—$50

Jane Anne Dunlop
Ontario
Canadian (A)

Runners-Up—$25 each

E. Wayne Cruzan
Rhode Island
New England (A)

Janice Friedrich
Oregon
Pacific (A)



Dennis R. Goodman
Missouri
Central (A)

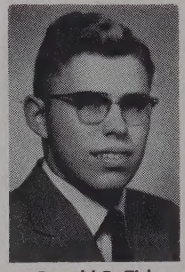
Melvin F. Stephan
Colorado
Rocky Mountain (A)

Mary E. Thompson
North Carolina
Southern (A)

Dorothy Anne Watson
New York
Middle Atlantic (A)

Division B

Second Award—$75



Donald R. Zick
Wisconsin
Great Lakes (B)

Third Place—$5

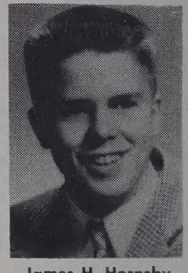
Mona Washburn
Alabama
Southern (B)

Runners-Up—$25 each

David F. Boyer
California
Pacific (B)

Shirley M. Fretz
Ontario
Canadian (B)

J. Barry Higgins
New Jersey
Middle Atlantic (B)



James H. Hornsby
Massachusetts
New England (B)

MEET THE WINNERS!

GLORIA I. McDONALD is a vivacious 16-year-old Texas lass, who makes her home in LaMarque. She is known as "Miss Sunshine," according to her minister, because of her bright, cheerful, Christ-centered personality. A junior at LaMarque High School, she is secretary of the Morning Watch Council (a group in charge of a weekly morning devotional period), a member of Junior Honor Society, and of the annual staff. Active in Sunday school and Christian Endeavor at Paul's Union Church, she is also a Bi-County Christian Endeavor Union officer and the new president of the San Jacinto District Union. This year she is serving as citizenship director for the Texas Union and co-program chairman for the state convention in June. For her life work, she is looking toward the mission field.

DAVID M. OLSON, 19-year-old sophomore at Wheaton College, calls Minneapolis, Minnesota, his home. Here he is a member of Aldrich Avenue Presbyterian Church where he has been president of the Christian Endeavor group, a member of the choir, and a Sunday school teacher. On the church basketball and softball teams, he was named their "athlete of the year" in 1958. He has served as president of Minneapolis District Union and was chosen "Mr. Christian Endeavor" of Minnesota in 1957. At college he participates in various sports. He is also serving as superintendent and adult class teacher in a Negro Sunday school in Chicago, sponsored by the college. Majoring in Christian education, he is preparing for the ministry or possibly the mission field.

THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH VES
GROUP of Trinity Evangelical Cong
tional Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania, inc
28 Endeavorers between 12 and 17 yea
age. Their winning citizenship project
der the direction of Doris Hess, began
ruary 4 and concluded February 28,
27 members participating. As a resu
the project, about ten new avenues of
ice were suggested and six have been
cially adopted by the society. The Chr
testimony through the window displays
essays made an impression upon the
munity and the society itself has recog
the importance of demonstrating Chr
citizenship in every area of life. Rev. J
K. Rapp is minister of the church.

Society Winners in Citizenship Contest

Second Place–$75

ature Christian Citizenship Convocation was the winning project leavorers of the Senior Society of Grace United Brethren In Christ Sherkston, Ontario. A total of 56 youth, representing the host and five neighboring churches, joined in a pilgrimage to Niagara-Lake to visit points of historic and religious significance in the first of Upper Canada. Shown leaving Navy Hall are (left to right) eck, Farrol Elliott, Ralph Kitchen, Shirley Fretz (host society nt), and Gail Page.

Third Award–$25

A service at the West Side Rescue Mission in Chicago was the project selected by the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of Grace Reformed Church in Lansing, Illinois. Of the 24 society members, ages 15 to 21, a total of 21 took part in the event. Members planned and participated in the complete service, including a testimony time. Two men answered the altar call at the close of the service. According to the society president, Jack Zeilenga, the members received a real blessing through leading this service.

Report of Citizenship Project Sponsored by Winning Society

This Report describes the Christian citizenship project of the High School Youth Vespers Group, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania, which won for them first place.

project, "Christian Citizenship—UNLIMITED" was chosen e opportunity to emphasize the *meaning* and *importance* ristian citizenship to as many citizens in as many ways as le.

four weeks' project was planned by a Christian citizenship ittee of the society. The members were divided into four s, each assigned to arrange a "one week" window display assigned theme in a prominent store, and a corresponding on the outside church bulletin board. The president was ed to write four essays for the local newspaper emphasizing splay themes.

project began on February 4 with the simultaneous ap-nce of a window display, newspaper essay, and bulletin board

TE: *EACH WEEK'S PROCEDURE FOLLOWS THIS LINE.*

1. Evil combatted.
2. Display theme, *always prefaced*—"We Stand For:"
3. Objects used.
4. Newspaper essay.
5. Slogan.
6. Special.

T WEEK

venile delinquency.

IRTUE THAT BUILDS THE SOUL."

venty-four ten-inch dolls depicting ten virtues:

AITH" — family reading Bible; "OBEDIENCE" — driver pping at red light; etc.

Our Spiritual Heritage"—urging youth to re-evaluate, main-in and propagate it.

EPUTATION IS PRECIOUS BUT CHARACTER IS RICELESS."

istor's Christian Citizenship sermon.

ND WEEK

bscene literature.

EADING THAT BUILDS THE MIND."

brary—"Open Bible," books on "Christian Life," "Biog-phy," "Travel," "Arts," etc.

Our Literary Heritage"—emphasizing compensations of good ading; urging youth to read only the best.

GOOD CITIZENS READ GOOD BOOKS."

istributed several hundred tracts, "The Satisfied Life" by overnor Hatfield.

THIRD WEEK

1. Liquor traffic.
2. "BEVERAGE THAT BUILDS THE BODY."
3. Gardencart, patio table, milk, fruit and vegetable drinks, fountain, lifesize doll holding glass of juice, open Bible, plaque—"DANIEL PURPOSED IN HIS HEART."
4. "Our Social Heritage"—appraisal of modern society; urging youth to drink only that which builds the body.
5. "ALCOHOLISM DESTROYS PATRIOTISM."
6. Signed "Proud to Abstain" roll.

FOURTH WEEK

1. Communism.
2. "CITIZENSHIP THAT BUILDS THE NATION."
3. Community depicting ten aspects of Christian citizenship; "Church"—FREEDOM OF WORSHIP; "Voting Booth"—VOTE WISELY; "Revenue office"—PAY TAXES; etc.
4. "Our National Heritage"—urging youth to maintain Christian principles upon which nation was founded.
5. "WANT A BETTER NATION? BE A BETTER CHRISTIAN!"
6. Twenty-seven youth interviewed presidents of community organizations and clubs; to gather information on their citizenship activities, to solicit suggestions for service, and to impress the importance of Christian citizenship.

After we evaluated the interview reports, 35 letters were written, commending good citizenship activities and volunteering our services. We urged the Recreation Center to consider a library and reading lounge in their current expansion program.

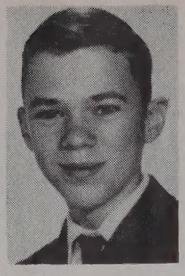
Our project cost approximately $35.

As a result of our findings the society presented a citation to an "Outstanding Christian Citizen" and adopted the following projects:

1. $15 membership to International Society of Christian Endeavor.
2. Picnic and gifts for "Fresh Air Children."
3. Spiritual program for "Senior Citizens' Club."
4. Special feature for "Aged Folks Home."
5. Volunteer reading and writing for "Lonely Shut-ins."
6. Custodianship of chancel paraments and outside bulletin board.

Our project brought commendation from the clergymen, businessmen, educators, and organizations. The society has been challenged and inspired to Christian Citizenship—UNLIMITED!

Susan Tucker
California (A)



Willard E. Thomen
Connecticut (A)

Wanda Leah Hill
D.C. (A)

THE WINNIN

DIVISION A

This "Open Letter" was written by Gloria I. McDonald, hig school junior of LaMarque, Texas.

I love America. I feel that this country's democracy most promising and effective form of government this wor ever experienced. It is of utmost importance that we prote government from all outside forces and also from the m forces within our country.

In 1956 forty million people took their right to vo granted and neglected a major responsibility. They did no sider their obligation of citizenship important enough to go t polls. Not voting is an evil that can prevent our democracy operating at its best.

Obscene literature, alcoholism, and narcotics are also ev can keep our country from making forward strides. Laws th not enforced and prejudice that poisons minds about others be ignored.

Some people spend a great deal of time criticizing our I do not belong to this group. I realize some of the faults United States but I can also see the opportunities that lie he all, regardless of social standing, race, creed, or color. This most important fact. Here everyone is free to think as he w to live as he wishes, and to say as he wishes, as long as he do harm another. Each citizen should be aware of the faults nation but also of the good things.

One fault is that the United States is full of "S Christians" and "election day" citizens. These people are c to only serve their Saviour one day a week and their coun election days. What an unbalanced life this is! Unfortu most of our population falls into this group.

Everyone should be willing to serve his Creator ar country with all his life. This is best accomplished, not battlefield, but in everyday life. It is hard to die for Chris isn't it also hard to live for Christ? This can be applied serving our country. Every Christian citizen should realiz meaning of the following verse:

> ". . . . and what doth the Lord require of thee,
> but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk
> humbly with thy God?"

We should fight what we feel is wrong and fight fo which is right. For this reason we should combat the ev Communism, narcotics, liquor, gambling, and prejudice. The the things that can tear down the principles and basis founding of this nation. They are the real dangers t democracy. When the morals of a people are lost, when the their faith in God and in what is right, when they lose their r for the rights of other human beings, that is the time to ev the standards.

Our greatest danger is not Russian Communism bu failure of our belief in what is good, holy, and acceptable to As Christian citizens we should walk before God and man w of our duty to our country.

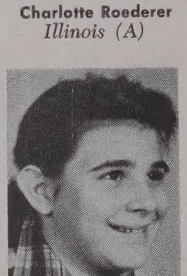
Gloria I. McDonal

Barbara Bush
Florida (A)

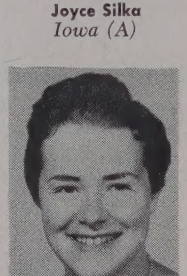
Charlotte Roederer
Illinois (A)

Joyce Silka
Iowa (A)

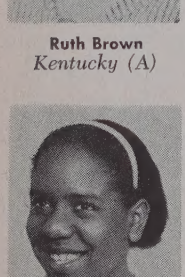
Ruth Brown
Kentucky (A)



Diana Majesty
Louisiana (A)



Sharon Lea Linton
Maryland (A)



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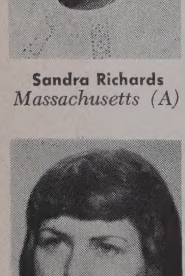
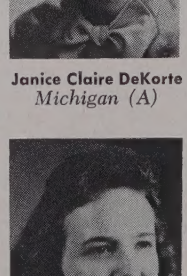
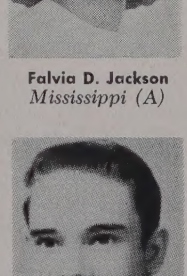


Carole Virginia Miller
New Jersey (A)



Darlene Black
Oklahoma (A)



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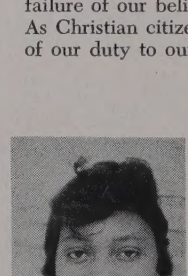
Pennsylvania (A)



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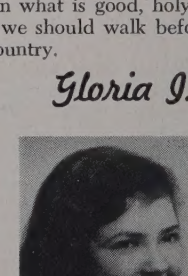
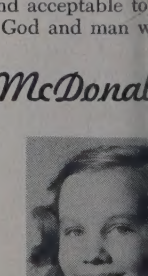
South Carolina (A)



Janet Lunell Dowler
Virginia (A)



Betty Jane
West Virgini

LETTERS"
DIVISION B

vid M. Olson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, a sophomore at heaton College, wrote this "Open Letter."

ginnings are important. There can be no Christian citizen- even limited—without first of all an awareness of citizen- Christian citizenship means projecting our thoughts beyond es. The natural direction of the human eye is inward— , to our own lives and interests and needs. We have to ip and look outward and just see citizenship first. Instead ing within our Christian groups and enjoying them, we need a deep responsibility to our neighborhood, our community, out to the whole world.

have three points in expressing myself here on Christian ship. I have mentioned the first: an awareness of citizenship nd the need. Nehemiah saw the need, prayed, went back to em, and with a sword in one hand and a shovel in the other, peak, rebuilt the wall.

mentioned that he prayed. My second point is that prayer is olute must in being a good citizen for Christ. We do not ust a pattern alone in Christ — although He was a good (rendering unto Caesar the things that were Caesar's). e is also the Source of everything we need for Christian ship. One of the most inclusive and encouraging verses of re is Colossians 2:10—"ye are complete in Him." So I know ne qualifications for Christian citizenship—which must be aturally supplied—are in that completeness. But only prayer nnect us with the source of the supply. And I am including er the soaking in each day of His Word. Only a scripturally formed person could cope with all that I feel must be ed in Christian citizenship.

hirdly, I believe that the place to begin Christian citizenship far away—that it begins in small demonstrations and then naturally into bigger responsibilities. Sanding the icy walk old couple living next door is the type of beginning which ventually lead—through God—to a larger, and then still responsibility in community citizenship. There are dozens e ways of starting out at the beginning in Christian citizen- courtesy when driving a car, when in a super market, when ing at a public bathing beach, when getting in or out of an r, when telephoning. There is also the sharing in com- funds of one kind or another. There is the matter of ng out quietly at the right time—on such matters as liquor, esty, subversive activities, etc. When I say "speaking out ," I do not mean without unshakeable convictions. But a , prejudiced, uncontrolled Christian will lack effectiveness.

ere at Wheaton some of us like a little book by Amy chael called "If." The thought presented in the book is that have the love of Calvary it will show up in your living with Christian citizenship—unlimited—really goes right back to y.

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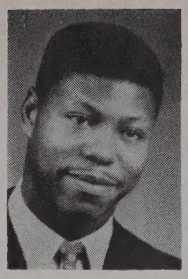

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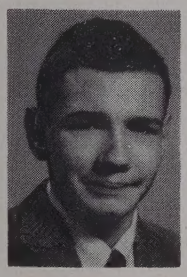

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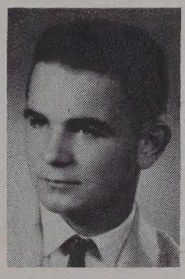

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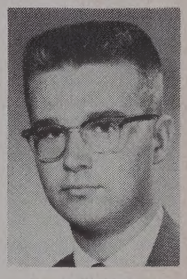

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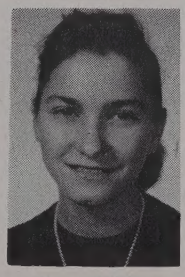

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State and Provincial Contest Winners

Recognition Certificates and Award Emblems will be awarded to all winners pictured on this page and on Page 6

A—indicates the youth is in the division for those in high school or below on February 8

B—indicates the youth is in the division for those out of high school but who had not reached their 25th birthday by February 8

What Happened

By Dr. Jacob Prins

We come upon the scene of an accident and one of our first inquiries is: "What happened?"

Someone tells us a story that ends in suspense and again we ask: "What happened?"

We meet a friend who looks morose and discouraged, and we ask: "What happened?"

We are interested in what happens in practically every realm in life except the religious.

An old gentleman had attended a service of worship and when the service was concluded, he said: "What now?" The service had had no effect on him whatsoever; it had done nothing for him nor to him. As far as he was concerned nothing had happened. In fact, he had not *expected* anything to happen.

In Jesus' day, He came into the place of worship and found a little village congregation, made up of ordinary people, decent and respectable, engaged in the usual, formal routine act of worship. They were orthodox to the core. They were certain that God had been with their fathers—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Isaiah and others. He had revealed Himself to them. Of that they were certain.

They hoped for great days to come in some undefined, uncertain future when God would manifest Himself again. But they did not expect anything unusual to happen in their meeting place, at one of their regular worship services. They believed that there had been a burning bush out of which God had spoken with Moses and that some time God would speak again but not here, in their own synagogue in Nazareth. The blight of the ordinary had fallen upon them.

Then Jesus stood up to read. The passage He read had been heard and read oft before but it consisted of just so many words, a noble utterance that had ceased to live. It had been read before, but how? There had been no emphasis upon its personal application to life and living. But when Jesus read it and interpreted it, it took on new meaning. But it was too real, too practical. It just could not be that this Jesus was the fulfillment of that word. That just could not happen among them.

Often we are like that; we attend a service of worship, a service of prayer. But we do not *expect* anything to happen. In fact, if something did happen, we would be amazed, possibly angry. We would feel there was something wrong.

What do we expect when we attend a service of worship, a prayer fellowship? Do we expect anything to happen? Does prayer work? Is it effective?

One answer to that question may be found in Acts 4:31, "And when they had prayed. . . ." What happened? Before they prayed the sky was as black as could be, but before they had finished it was streaked with the hopeful light of a new day.

"And when they had prayed." Look at the history of the church and you will learn again that after men had prayed, things were accomplished. Then great moral revolutions and reforms took shape; then new eras were born; then great missionary projects had their beginning. Then the church took her rightful place in the community and in the world instead of being an appendix in the lives of a few. Then God wrought great deliverances as He did in the case of Moses, Daniel, Paul and Silas, Peter.

What happened? The record is clear. What happened is itemized for our learning. Here are some practical results of prayer:

"The place was shaken." This would produce, in turn, a sense of awe, reverence and assurance. God was demonstrating His power. This shaking would give them greater reason to fear God than man; it would give them assurance as they faced hostile men.

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit." The Spirit had come originally in answer to prayer at Pentecost. So He came to them now. And with the coming of the Holy Spirit they were all endued with a different spirit.

"They spake the word with boldness." Prayer gave them that boldness for which they asked. Contrast Peter in the court and here. Such holy boldness is needed today in our witnessing program as a church and as a Christian Endeavor society.

"They were all of one heart and soul." Their attitude toward one another became like that of Ruth and Naomi, David and Jonathan. There is no more division and discord after men have prayed together, for prayer unites God's children.

"They all had a new sense of stewardship." They held their property in trust for God. They shared with those who had not. And it was all purely voluntary and spontaneous.

"Their testimony became effective." They gave witness with tremendous power. Their power in witnessing increased in proportion to the opposition they faced.

"Great grace was upon them all." They became winsome, attractive Christians. Some witness becomes ineffective because this grace is so sadly lacking. Such people mean well but they are hideously and h religious. They repel rather than att

"And when they had prayed." happened? What happens as a re your and my prayer life depends up spirit in which we enter into this fell of prayer. Do we expect anythi happen? Do we believe that somethi take place as the result of our comm with God?

Let us look back upon our personal life and upon our collective fellows prayer and check to see what has hap Has anything happened? If not, wh Have we failed to make proper conta our source of power? Have we appr our fellowship of prayer with the id nothing would come of it anyway?

Perhaps we need to analyze our practice to see where the weakness li in answer to our question: "Wha pened?" we cannot recall that an happened, then we are like those people in Nazareth who were amaze God manifested Himself there, in meeting; that He talked with them need to be awakened from our lethar put practical content into our prayer

The Word of God contains inte challenging accounts of what happene people had prayed. Why not study s them together? Note what prompted to pray, the content of their pray spirit shown and the results that fo As examples, study the record of He in the Old Testament and the case o in prison in the New Testament (Acts

A student rushed into the room classmate. He pointed to Matthew "And all things, whatsoever ye shall prayer, believing, ye shall receive asked: "Is this true? Do we believ Then why do we not pray more?"

Do we believe His great promise reference to prayer? (John 14:13,14; 16:23,24) Do we and have we ac these promises? Our society met, v cussed the topic, we sang, we prayed anything happen? Was something su to happen? What do *you* think?

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ERVING YOUR COMMUNITY

ɡ Adults are likely to be given opportunities in community service. The most ient among such opportunities to serve in: Community Chest, council of ches, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Salvation y, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, nt-Teacher associations, civic and social re organizations or committees, hospital s or boards, and local missions.

mmunity service is rightly viewed as a of Christian stewardship.

ch service usually requires unselfish tion of one's time, talents and money—h are consciously dedicated to the ce of God and humanity.

e types of agencies and movements dy mentioned are useful in promoting ristian spirit in society, and they help de an environment in which the Christ- church and the Christian home will e.

the church recruits, trains and helps e its Young Adults and others for com- ty service, it is helping assure a stronger cation of Christian motives and prin- s to secular life.

e church gains as it gives. Broadened rience and fruitful acquaintanceships, ed by the young churchman in com- ty movements, will in themselves bene- e church.

community committee or organization, rawing its first recruit from the Young t life of your congregation, sets a train vents in motion. Friends of the member likely to support that movement or nization more willingly and with a more med interest. Some others will find it ble to help, at least on special occasions. entirely possible that the church will new friends among those who have a g interest in the social welfare organ- on, or Scouting, or the Y's.

e should watch that a member so noned for community tasks remains e and loyal in church work. This is not se of "either—or," but of "both—and." e who serve in community work should

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feel that the church is supporting them, and that they will continue steadfast in supporting the church and its work. The spiritual nurture from active church life will enrich one's community service and give it full meaning.

In *Liberal Education*, Glen A. Lloyd, chairman of the board of trustees of the University of Chicago, writes on "essential qualities of a good trustee." While he has in mind those who would serve best on such a board as he heads, the qualities he lists have wide application. They are, in brief:

1. A genuine interest in being a trustee. Chairman Lloyd would not want one to accept through over-persuasion "or because it brings honor or social prestige to himself."

2. A sense of responsibility, so that he takes the assignment seriously. ("Lending my name" is a delusion to all concerned!)

3. A capacity for independent thinking. "Nothing is needed more in this work than independence of thought and imagination," the chairman remarks.

4. A strong power of self-restraint.

5. Success in his own business or profession and prestige in the community.

For the last named, in the case of Young Adults, I would like to substitute a stewardship verse, "Because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities." These are the words of a parable of Jesus, in Luke 19:17.

Prestige is not limited to bank presidents and distinguished judges. It means, among other things, "power to command admiration." A leader in Young Adult work is beginning to build prestige, even if he does not realize that. Accomplishment of the "very little" often has a way of making a man or woman marked—or, to strengthen the word, remarkable!

Have in mind that community service may begin, at least, in short-term assignments. A member of a team in the Community Chest or United Fund campaign contributes only a few hours a year to this work—yet the results are working for a full twelve months.

As one becomes more accustomed to the short-term community tasks, he finds that they may be fitted into his plans without interfering with his every-week church work, like, say, teaching a Sunday school class or calling on the sick and aged. Even when a person takes on as heavy and continuing a responsibility as serving as a Scoutmaster, we have known from experience that church work apart from Scouting need not suffer.

Talk about community service at one of your Young Adult meetings. Look at the opportunities in terms of stewardship and effective Christian citizenship. It would be fine for a whole group of Young Adults to volunteer for a community service that needs more workers—and most services do. And let us one day print in these columns the story of what your Young Adults did to take the Christian Endeavor spirit out into your neighborhood. —*B.H.D.*

Christian Endeavor in the Eastern Caroline Islands

By Harold F. Hanlin, Field Superintendent

The Christian Endeavor organizations at Ponape are a very vital and a very important part of the total church program. They are the most numerous and the most active of the various groups within the church fellowship.

The island-wide organization is headed by Dr. Chester Terpstra, a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, whose headquarters are at Boston, Massachusetts. Since Ponape Island is divided into five districts, there are five Ponapean men who are responsible for the leadership in their respective districts; these men have the Ponapean title, "Wiliandi."

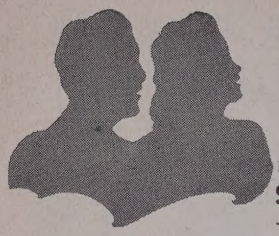
There are twelve congregations in the church at Ponape, and each congregation has its Christian Endeavor Society, usually in two branches, one for the older members and one for the younger members. The older group includes adults of all ages, while the younger group is more like a typical Christian Endeavor group in the United States. These societies have their officers—again in two sets, one for the men and one for the women—and some rather rigid rules to govern the daily conduct of their members. They meet on the Wednesday before Consecration Sunday each month in a business meeting which they call "Wia Lamalam."

Rallies are held twice a year. An island-wide rally is held for three days, usually the last week-end in November, to commemorate the founding of the Christian Endeavor movement here. This rally is held at the principal village of Ponape, and is attended by several thousand people. The program features sermons and songs, with many choirs preparing several special numbers for each rally. It is a time for inspirational fellowship and is much enjoyed by all.

In the early part of February three simultaneous two-day rallies are held at different points on the island. This is to commemorate the birth of the Christian Endeavor movement in America. Three church groups participated in this year's February Rally at Jokas Paa, with several hundred people at each session. At the closing session, when "the doors were opened," as the Ponapeans say, forty young people came forward to present themselves as candidates for membership and to ask for prayer. These "candidates" will now go through a three-month period of "indoctrination" instruction by their local Ponapean ministers before they will be received into full standing as members of their respective societies.

The Ponapean Christian Endeavorers take their Christian Endeavor activities quite seriously, and whenever there is an opportunity for general participation, whether in a local society or at a rally, there are always many members, both old and young, who are eager to read some appropriate Scripture passage and make a few comments on it.

The Daily Scripture Readings, which are translated into Ponapean and mimeographed for general distribution, furnish practically the only direction for the devotional life of the Ponapean Christian people day by day.



Power Unlimited

Micah 3:8a; Luke 4:14; Acts 1:8

(Pentecost Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) JUN

*Comments by Rev. George Douma**

Leader's Introduction

We live in an age of power. We possess high-powered cars, we see the latest in jet planes and read about bombs so powerful that we almost hide for fear. A far greater power than all the combined forces of earth is the power of the Holy Spirit of God.

When we think or talk about God we most often refer to our Heavenly Father or to Jesus Christ. How unconsciously we neglect the Holy Spirit. We know He exists and that He is real, but how often we forget. This week we shall consider His place in our Christian faith and in our life.

Who, Not What

Let us get one thing straight. The Holy Spirit is not an "it," not even an IT. We fall into an error each time we refer to this Third Person of the Trinity impersonally. He is as much a real person as Christ. Christ spoke of the Holy Spirit as a person when He said in His farewell message, "I will send to you the Comforter, that Spirit of Truth, that He might abide with you forever."

The Spirit has the qualities of a person. Many words could be shouted at a fence and not a word would hurt it. You can rudely condemn the fence or treat it with flippant unconcern, but who would care? Certainly not the fence. But you can't do this to the Holy Spirit, for the Spirit is a living personality. He can be grieved. Then, too, He is active as a person for He intercedes, comforts, instructs, reproves, and protects.

He is a Divine Person. He has the attributes and assets of God. In fact, He is God, equal in grace and glory, all-knowing and all-sufficient in Himself. He is God and without Him the Church and the individual Christian labors in vain.

Questions for discussion:

1—How did Job acknowledge the Spirit of God? (Job 33:4)

2—Is their anyone else in Heaven today besides Christ who prays for us? (Romans 8:26)

3—How can we know truth? (I Corinthians 2:12,13)

4—What is the last item in your church order of service? How does this show the presence of the Holy Spirit? (II Corinthians 13:14)

Awake, Not Asleep

It was the Spirit of the living God who brooded over chaos and fashioned a beautiful, organized universe . . . . "and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." This same Spirit continues His active work year after year. It is God's Spirit who enlivens the dead earth each spring and gives to it a fresh new garment. The Spirit gives life.

Nice to have a Bible, too, isn't it? But how did man get it? Did a group of men decide to write it, or did some earthly king request people to pen such words? Nonsense! The Bible did not come "by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

God's Spirit gives special abilities to individuals. He enabled Samson to perform tasks beyond normal human strength. He strengthens the weak, gives courage to the faint, and uses the common to accomplish what seems impossible.

Man has needed forgiveness from the very first day our original parents in Eden sinned. How did God extend help to man? It took a miracle! It was the Holy Spirit who came upon Mary and the power of the Most High overshadowed her. Salvation became a reality through the power of the Spirit in Christ.

When Jesus left His disciples He promised to send the Holy Spirit so that they would receive power to witness of Him in all places. Jesus kept His promise and on the Day of Pentecost the Spirit came. What a demonstration of power!

The story is told of Nansen, an Arctic explorer, who on one of his expeditions took with him a carrier pigeon. After many months in the desolate Arctic region, he wrote a tiny message and tied it under the pigeon's wing and let the bird loose.

Two thousand miles away lay his homeland, Norway. What miles of utter desolation lay between, snow, deep valleys of frozen wastes, and oceans made solid by ice!

The small but strong bird made three circles and with certain flight made direct for Norway. The bird found its home and the message was delivered. It was then the wife knew that all was right in the dark night of the far north.

Thus it was with the disciples who witnessed the coming of the Holy Spirit. This manifestation and presence was an assurance to them that Christ was alive and all was well.

Our God never sleeps. He constantly is sensitive to the needs of people. He has not withdrawn from the affairs of men, but is powerfully active in the world today. To have eyes to see His working and minds to comprehend His leading, what a blessing!

Questions for discussion:

1—Did the Holy Spirit have anything to do with the Bible? (II Peter 1:21)

2—What assurance do we have that the Church can really accomplish God's will in the world today? (Zechariah 4:6)

3—How do you really know you are a Christian? (Romans 8:16)

Power, Not Theory

There is a great difference between theory and demonstration. The power of the Holy Spirit is not a theory. We can witness in our generation what God is able to do and what He is doing.

Every true Christian is a living display of the power of His spirit. It is God who has worked in our hearts both to will and to do, "for as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." can change man's heart and give li the soul? Even as Ezekiel saw the of dry bones come to life by the Spi God, so we witness people who are alive. What a demonstration of p Charles H. Spurgeon once said, "If w not have the Spirit of God, it were to shut the churches, to nail up the d to put a black cross on them and 'God have mercy on us.' I think I not too strongly when I say that a ch in the land without the Spirit of G rather a curse than a blessing. If you not the Spirit of God, Christian w remember that you stand in some else's way; you are as a tree bearin fruit standing where a fruitful tree grow."

And how the Spirit uses God's p Think of prayer, that is the prayer righteous man. Such prayer can ta boundless resources of God. We have because we ask not. The promise sti mains that our Heavenly Father will the Holy Spirit to those who ask Could it be that the Church is we our day because we have not availed selves of the Holy Spirit? Is that wh lack power?

Who raised Christ from the dead? I the Holy Spirit. This same Spirit raised Christ from the dead shall qu our mortal bodies also. What a gl hope and what confidence to know o power of the Spirit to make us alive evermore.

John Bunyan in his great allegory, grim's Progress," wrote this of the He said Pilgrim saw a fire burning in of the water that was being poured by a man who was standing near he wondered why the fire did not g he was shown behind the wall. An was casting oil on the fire. The ever tries to put out the fire of God the holy flame will not out. It is alive because the Holy Spirit conti pours new oil upon the fire.

Questions for discussion:

1—What can we expect will happen wh Holy Spirit takes possession of our (Galatians 5:22,23)

2—What did Paul mean when he add the Ephesian Christians and asked, "Di receive the Holy Spirit when ye believed?' 19:2)

3—Does the Holy Spirit have anything with our resurrection? (Romans 8:11)

4—When did the Apostles change from fearful men to men of power? (Acts 1:8)

Do You Want This Power?

No power is as great as the pow God. You can have this power in you The Holy Spirit is able to lead you a use you. What this world needs m a demonstration of real power—the of God. Is God using your life to forth that power? Inner power is wh all need. The Holy Spirit is God's ence today so that each of our live be powerful.

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The Holy Spirit of Truth

No. 1 in a Series: "The Work of the Holy Spirit"

John 14:17
(Pentecost Sunday)

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*Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper**

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e aim of this and the next two lessons teach about the place which the Holy t has in our Christian religion. The Spirit affects the life of each individ- We should understand this and find place in God's work. The Spirit will us if we know about Him and depend Him.

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nce this lesson will be presented on ecost Sunday the leader may want to a consecration meeting at this time. n this you would want to review the re story of the Pentecost as found in 2. This should be a very sacred oc- on. Complete quiet should reign through- the meeting. Special stress may be ed on prayer for spiritual guidance.

Promise of the Spirit

od promised that His Spirit would come the world. About eight hundred years re Pentecost the prophet Joel made this ement. It is found in Joel 2:28. In the Testament God the Father spoke ugh prophets. At the appointed time

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GUIDE QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What assurance did Joel's prophecy give to the people of his day?
2. How is the Christian Pentecost related to the Pentecost of the Old Testament?
3. What is the relationship between the inspired Scriptures and the leadership of the Spirit?
4. How does neglecting the Spirit hinder our faith and Christian living?

God the Son came into the world. He brought redemption to mankind through His sacrifice on the cross. After His death, resurrection, and ascension back to the Father the world must have some divine guidance. For this reason God promised the coming of the Spirit.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday comes seven weeks after Easter. This day has its beginning back in the time of the beginning of the Passover. Pentecost lasted only one day. It was regarded as a supplement to the Passover feast. The meaning of the word comes from a Greek word *Pente,* which means fifty.

The celebration was transferred to the Christian religion after the time of Christ. Our Saviour's crucifixion came about the time of the Passover feast. His resurrection came three days later. His ascension came forty days later. The coming of the Holy Spirit into the world came ten days after the ascension. This made it fifty days after the crucifixion.

Since the Spirit came at the time of Pentecost this too has come to be called Pentecost. We still celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and call the time Pentecost.

The Neglected Spirit

Often we take the Spirit of God for granted. We fail to think about His presence and purpose in the world. We fail to realize the important part He plays in our daily lives. When we neglect Him there is something important missing from our life.

The Spirit is here to lead. He is here to give direction to our Christian living. If we neglect Him we do not have the leadership which we need. If a prayer goes unanswered it may be because we fail to recognize God's answer to us. If we do wrong it may be because we failed to heed God's Spirit when He would have led us in the right way.

The Inspired Scriptures

The inspired Scriptures tell us about the Spirit. Through their study we know about Him. Through His leadership we are able to understand the teachings of the Scriptures. A clear knowledge of Bible teachings will give us a feeling of knowing and understanding God. When we know and understand Him we have before us a pattern for daily Christian living. This coupled with the living example of Jesus will bring a rich reward in Christian experience and well-being. Without this we have only failure and heartbreak before us.

The Spirit and Our Faith

The writer of Hebrews says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith then is a hope. It is also a thing which we cannot touch. Most of us cannot even explain the faith we have in God and His power. Many things which happen in a Christian experience seem impossible even in our day of scientific miracles and space study.

We live in the atomic age. We are on the verge of space travel, according to many of our leading scientists. What part will our faith and the Spirit play in this modern age? The Spirit can give us a solid basis for our faith. He can lead us to see the handiwork of God even in this age. When the Spirit is with us we have leadership over and above that which is possible through the knowledge of man. The Spirit can give us security through faith in God and His power.

Spiritual Guidance for Decisions

We live in a day of decision. We are often faced with problems which were not known a few generations ago. The wrong decision today will thrust us into confusion.

This is true in the spiritual as well as the material sense. Youth are called on to make great decisions. They must decide between a life with Christ and the Church and a life without religious direction. They must decide between the various professional and vocational openings before them.

The right decision can be assured when we depend completely upon the leadership of the Spirit. This dependence must also be based on the Holy Scriptures. The Spirit does not lead contrary to the teachings of the Bible. With Bible knowledge, human will and determination, and the leadership of the Spirit we are able to make decisions in accordance with the principles and teachings of Jesus. We are able to live and profit from the experience which comes with the acceptance of Jesus as a personal Lord and Saviour. We are able to choose a life and work which will be pleasing to God. We are able to work in and for the Church.

Spirit of Truth Versus Spirit of Error

In the book of I John we are warned to beware of the spirit of error. Many people come preaching in the name of Christ. Many would have us believe that they represent the spirit of truth. Actually they are not of God. They are of the world. They represent the spirit of error.

We must be careful to know the truth. We must be careful to follow only God's Spirit. John told us "But try the spirits whether they are of God" (I John 4:1).

Conclusion

From our study of the Spirit we may conclude that to understand the things of God we must be spiritually minded. We must spend time meditating upon the Spirit of God. We must read the Scriptures with spiritual guidance. We must pray for divine leadership. Only in this way can we have saving knowledge of God's plan of salvation.

Boy Meets Girl

No. 1 in a Series: "Boy-Girl Relationships"

Proverbs 18:24a

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *JUNE*

*Comments by Mrs. Wesley Brown**

Publicity

Use 3" by 5" cards to send invitations to each member of the society. On the cards going to the fellows paste the picture of an attractive girl and print the words, "Is she the one for you? What are the five most important qualities in the interesting girl? Be prepared to answer on..... (date), at ..... (time), in Christian Endeavor." The cards going to the girls should substitute the picture of a fellow and the words "he" and "boy."

Purpose

To evaluate friendship as a life-long matter, leading to dates and marriage.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *He Keeps Me Singing*
Opening Prayer
Hymns: *Let the Beauty of Jesus; I Would Be Like Jesus*
Announcements and Offering
Dialogue
Research Project
Scripture: I Timothy 4:8-12
Topic
Prayer
Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*
Benediction

Dialogue

Barbara: Hi! Sandy just told me you met a new guy last night.
Helen: News sure travels fast.
Barbara: What's he like?
Helen: Oh, the stringy basketball type. But nice blue eyes and clean.
Barbara: What do you mean by "clean"?
Helen: Well, his clothes for one thing. You know, he just looks neat.
Barbara: Is he the quiet type?
Helen: Not exactly. He likes to read I think, but he's an extrovert. We were talking about our families and he gets along better with his Dad than his Mother. He's probably too much like her from what he said.
Barbara: Sounds like he told you the story of his life.
Helen: He was talking about school and what he wants to do when he's through. He says he wants to be an engineer, but I think he would make a better teacher.
Barbara: Did he ask you for a date?
Helen: Yes, for Friday night.
Barbara: I think you really like this guy.
Helen: Oh, I don't know anything about him really. I just met him—Well, I'll be seeing you.
Barbara: Okay. Bye.

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Research Project

Now if we think about this conversation carefully we will see that this girl was wrong. She already knew quite a bit about this fellow, and she had only met him once. She had observed his general appearance and personal habits. She knew something about his family and home life. She had heard about his plans for the future and she had "typed" his personality. When boy meets girl it may be the beginning of a friendship, or eventually a marriage. With a little research we can find the five most important qualities in a friendship of this kind.

Suggestions for the Leader

With the use of the blackboard or a large sheet of poster paper the leader or another member of the group will list the suggestions as the group makes them. Vote to decide the five qualities to be listed if a large number are suggested. Using the blackboard again, list the five most important qualities in a marriage partner. Then compare the lists. If they are very similar, the leader can point out that the group looks for friends who have the qualities they want in a husband or wife. If the lists are very different, the leader should point out the differences and caution them to be careful in their choice of friends. Stress the fact that we marry within the circle of friends and dates about ninety per cent of the time.

Topic

Scripture: I Timothy 4:8-12.

LEADER: In the J. B. Phillips' translation of this passage, verse twelve reads like this, "Don't let people look down on you because you are young; see that they look up to you because you are an example to them in your speech and behaviour, in your love and faith and sincerity." This verse lists three areas in Christian behaviour which we can apply to our discussion of "boy meets girl." Let's think about speech and behaviour when applied to friendship, then sincerity, and finally love and faith.

1st SPEAKER: Every day in the newspapers we see reports of teen-age crime. The speech and behaviour of our generation has become a national pastime. One of the best tests of Christian living is in our friendships. Every Christian must decide for himself certain questions of behaviour, but there are always basic values that remain the same. Take the question of speech. We count a lot on a person's conversation to tell what he or she really thinks or feels. Most of us like to talk about ourselves. Yet Jesus constantly asked people questions about themselves and listened to their answers. A good listener is almost always popular. Speech can also hurt, or lead astray, or reveal a Christ-less inner life. It is possible to fill your conversation with remarks that have a double meaning, it is not Christian speech. Christ is al the standard for all our relationships. He was patient, kind and full of lif very interesting person to know judgin the crowds that came to see Him. T same qualities gain in importance friendship turns to love and marriage.

2nd SPEAKER: "Sincerity" is a word brings a smile nowdays. The entertain world is very conscious of all forms o sincerity. The advertising world uses "sincere" approach to sell soap. Yet fri ships have less sincerity than ever be We all know the fellow who tells all girls the same lies and we laugh at his "l We recognize the girl who uses one fe to make another jealous. Can you a a real friendship? A friendship where other person sees you as you are? If there may be trouble ahead. For fri ship is a stepping stone to marriage insincerity is a killer of marriages.

3rd SPEAKER: When Paul wrot Timothy and asked him to be an exa in love and faith, he was talking a love for Christ and faith in Him. same Christian love should be a basi our relationships with others. There always questions about Christians d non-Christians. Not too many years ag a Christian Endeavor summer confer a high school girl stood and gave a ra testimony to God's call in her life. was going to be a missionary; not could stop her. Yet only half a dozen later she was in the home of friends t her story, tears coming fast. She was ried and had a little daughter, but heart was breaking because she would n be a missionary. Her first words told story, "You see, I met Bob and he a Christian—." There are opportuniti witness in boy-girl friendships, but are dangers too when one is a non-C tian. A faith in Christ that is shared i only sure foundation for Christian fri ship and marriage.

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The Holy Spirit Convicts

No. 2 in a Series: "The Work of the Holy Spirit"

John 16:7-11

ıior High (12-14 Years) *JUNE 12*

*ments by Rev. Harry A. Shuster, Jr.**

Aim of the Topic

o help young people become aware of vital role the Holy Spirit plays in their

ınseling the Counselor

lelp the young people leading the dis- ıion to think through the material pre- ed so that they may understand the ıence of thoughts. This will help them put the presented ideas in their own ds which will even more ably meet the ds of the group.

he use of Phillip's translation has been gested. In view of the fact that this ıslation has been written in paragraphs not in verses, the student may need ıe help in finding the section of the agraph which parallels with the sug- ted Scripture verses.

vertising the Meeting

lace on a poster, advertising the time place of the meeting, a small mirror a picture of an accusing finger pointing ctly at the person reading the poster.

votional Aids

Somewhere in the front of the room place arge mirror and the picture of the ac- ing finger with "YOU" in large letters eath. This should be easily seen by ryone.

e Topic Discussion

v to Prepare

Secure a translation of the Scriptures by llips. Secure a blackboard.

The topic discussion leader should lead introductory material up to the first nt, plus the Conclusion. The leader uld request the help of three young peo- who will develop the topic discussion sin, goodness, and judgment as outlined ow.

v to Begin

Open your discussion by asking questions ating to conscience. You could ask, hat is conscience?" or "How would you ine conscience?" Perhaps the answers will varied but all of them may contain an ment of truth. Eventually lead the group the place where they will discover that science is a faculty or power which en- es a person to know and distinguish ween right and wrong. In addition, help group to discover that conscience is also ated to the will, which enables a person act upon the known facts.

Now ask the question, "How does your science develop?" Your conscience is ch more active now than it was when were only two years old. Therefore, it st have developed. What factors in life yed a part in the process? After you have raised these questions you will probably notice during the ensuing discussion that most of the answers can be placed in one of two categories. Two factors are responsible for the development of our conscience—the teachings of parents, both conscious and unconscious (later the teachings of other authorities), and social customs, the ways of doing things in the society in which we live.

How to Proceed

Ask if there are any other factors involved in the development of conscience in addition to the two mentioned.

Now read the suggested Scripture lesson. Repeat the question you asked prior to the reading of the Scripture.

From the passage of Scripture your group should be able to discover that the Holy Spirit also plays a role in the development of a person's conscience.

The Holy Spirit is that Divine Personal Influence which touches the life of every person. The task of this Divine Influence, as revealed in this passage, is to "reprove" (K.J.V.) or "convince" (R.S.V. and Phillips) a person about certain truths.

I. The first thing He makes known to us, without a shadow of a doubt, is the fact of sin.

This will present to you an opportunity to discuss the subject of sin. Ask, "What actions, thoughts and attitudes do our consciences tell us are wrong and sinful?" As you discuss these, try to find out which influence played the dominant role in convincing you that a particular attitude was wrong, the influence of some authority or social custom. Bring this part of the discussion to a conclusion by asking, "According to our Scripture lesson, what particular fact about sin does the Holy Spirit convince us?"

As the Jews allowed blindness to revealed truth and prejudice and pride to stand in their way of discovering the truth about Christ, so the rejection of Christ as our Lord and Saviour, as our Teacher and Example, is the sin which blots out the possibility for the forgiveness of all of our sins.

Using the sad experience of the Jews of Jesus' day as an illustration, let us beware that we do not allow our religious customs of today—Sunday school attendance, worship experience, participation in the choir, catechetical class—to deceive us into believing that we have personally encountered God in Jesus Christ. However, let us realize that these religious customs are ways of expressing our love for and faith in God through Christ.

II. The second fact the Holy Spirit makes known to us is the meaning of true goodness.

He will correct the wrong impression left by the teachings of the Jews that Jesus was a cheat and a liar. Men will become aware of the true goodness concerning Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit will also convince us of true goodness about ourselves.

Ask the question, "Have you ever done a good deed for which you were admired by others, only to know in your own mind that you did not deserve their admiration?" In order to illustrate the point of the question and to stimulate the thinking of the group, tell with embellishments the following story or create one with the same moral.

Johnny was walking through a lonely section of the woods when he heard a pitiful cry. He turned and walked in the direction of the sound until he came upon a dog caught in the quicksand-like mire for which that section of the woods was famous. He thought hard! He would be placing himself in danger to try a rescue. Just as he was about to turn toward home he thought he recognized the dog as the one belonging to the wealthy Mrs. Brown. The thought of a large reward loomed before him and immediately he set about to rescue the dog. After the word got around town that Johnny, endangering his own life, rescued Mrs. Williams' dog, he became the local hero and was admired by everyone. But Johnny, realizing his real reason for rescuing the dog, felt very uncomfortable with all of the notoriety.

True goodness is measured many times not by the end result but by the motivation which initiates the act.

III. The third fact the Holy Spirit makes known to us is the fact of judgment.

At first, upon Christ's crucifixion, it appeared as though the forces of evil were victorious. But upon the resurrection of Christ came forth the truth and the ultimate judgment upon evil.

Likewise in life, a lie or an unkind deed for a while may go unnoticed, working to a person's advantage. However, eventually the truth is discovered and with it comes the judgment upon the lie committed.

It is also a well-known fact that many such sins bring about their own judgment. The man who becomes an addict to drink loses his job, his family, his self-respect—he has brought upon himself his own judgment. A person who lies eventually finds himself in an uncomfortable predicament. Mr. Van Doren and the part he played in the fixed T.V. quiz show "21" and the dishonor he brought upon himself is a good illustration.

Not only do we face the judgment of God but daily we face the judgments which our own sins bring back upon us.

How to Conclude

You may wonder why the term "Comforter" is used to designate One who causes so much discomfort to us by way of a troubled conscience. He becomes a "Comforter" to us when we allow His activities and the knowledge which He brings to guide us away from paths which have as their destination judgment to paths which lead to goodness.

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Boy Dates Girl

No. 2 in a Series: "Boy-Girl Relationships"

II Corinthians 5:8-15

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *JUNE*

*Comments by Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven**

Aim

The aim of this, and the preceding and succeeding topics, is to help in the area of boy-girl relationships. In this particular topic we seek to give help in the subject of dating. We try to show that it is natural and proper, that there are important matters to consider when making a date, and principles which should govern the conduct of Christian young people on dates as at other times.

Promotion

The only promotion needed to advertise this meeting is to let the young people know the topic to be discussed! Run the topic in your church bulletin and have it announced one and two weeks in advance at the regular meeting. A poster showing a young couple could also be used.

Leader's Introduction

The topic will immediately catch the interest of youth. Young people are involved, sooner or later, in dating. The fact is, however, that many young people do not know how to make a date or what to do on one if and when it is made. Moreover, they should be aware of principles that should govern conduct on such occasions. Christian young people especially need to be aware of the principles by which they live.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Colossians 3:1,17
Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Scripture: II Corinthians 5:8-15
Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Presentation of the Topic
Discussion
Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
Prayer of Consecration
Benediction

Introduction

"Dad, I have a date with a girl for the game tonight," said Charlie. His father almost dropped the paper he was reading in surprise and gasped, "You what?" Then he remembered that Charlie was growing up and that it was quite natural for Charlie to start thinking about girls and dates. So after he had recovered from the initial shock Charlie's father, being a reasonable man, asked Charlie whom he was dating, told him it was quite all right, and wished him a good time.

Dating Is Right and Natural

Why shouldn't Charlie's father react favorably to Charlie's dating? He is no longer a youngster and it is right and natural for fellows and girls to be interested in each other. It is right and natural because that is the way God has made them. God saw that "it is not good that man should be alone," so He made a "help meet for him" (Genesis 2:18). Dating is the way the boy in our society becomes acquainted with his future "help meet."

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How do Oriental customs differ from ours in dating and marriage? Who picks the young man's bride there? (Answer: the parents.)
2. What are some of the disadvantages of going steady too early?
3. What activities can you suggest for couples to do on dates in your community?
4. What bearing does Hebrews 2:18 have on our topics? James 1:27b? Psalm 24:3-5?

Making a Date

Although it is only natural that "boy dates girl," making that first date may seem anything but natural. In fact, some young people who know their way around otherwise hardly know how to go about it. The solution to that problem, however, is not difficult. What one must do is ask! Invite the young lady to accompany you to the game, or to accompany you to Betty's house after the young people's meeting. Make sure that the invitation is extended politely and be definite so that she knows what the plans are. It would be smart to meet her parents sometime, if you do not already know them, and let them in on your plans for the date. They will appreciate it.

A more important question is with whom to make a date! Make it with someone whom you respect and with whom you will be proud to be seen. And don't keep dating the same girl consistently unless you are old enough and sure enough of your choice to start thinking in terms of marriage. It is better to have many friends and to date a number of them than to have an exclusive relationship with one person. There are heavy disadvantages in going steady too early.

Date a person of your own religious faith. All marriage counselors warn against mixed marriages; the odds against their successful continuance are slim. There would be no marriages among people of different faiths if there were no dating among people of different faiths. Be a friend to all, but date only a person who shares your convictions concerning Christ and the Church.

Out on a Date

Even the brightest among us sometimes wonder what to do on a date. In general it is best to be with other folks. Enjoy their company. Attend school social functions with your date; go to the young people's meeting double if you please; or get together with another couple or two for a time of fun. The possibilities are unlimited.

It is well also to consider the principles that should govern conduct when on a date. The intelligent person thinks of principles, especially the Christian young person. A few of them are mentioned. You think of others.

1. Christian young people should reme ber what they are: Christians. Their cond in general and on dates in particular is va different from the conduct upon which world places its stamp of approval.

2. A second principle is to be conside of the other person. This should be a r for our contacts with all other persons it is particularly appropriate in dating. world would be a sweeter place in whic live—it would almost be heaven!—if were universally converted into practice.

3. Treat your date as you would w someone else to treat your sister, or brot That means that you will respect and ho your date. It is unfortunate that there persons who use other people for their e ends, and those ends are often evil. So try to do the same on a date. Shun th persons like the plague. Have associati only with honorable persons on your da and you will honor the Lord, show y good sense, and save yourself much grief

4. Look to the future. Dating is good, it is freighted with heavy consequences. one of these is that your very first date w a new acquaintance might lead one day marriage!

Dating and marriage can be one of li richest blessings, but they can also be source of heart-rending grief. Every yo couple needs God's blessing if their unio to be a success. Dating is an important p of the formation of such unions. Every Ch tian young couple must live with an eye the future, being careful in their associati that there will be no later regrets or he breaks. Moreover, the Christian rememb that "we must all appear before the ju ment seat of Christ, that everyone may ceive the things done in his body, accord to what he has done, whether it be good bad" (II Corinthians 5:10).

Conduct on dates shows what kind of p son one is and has direct bearing on future. Many a person has made mistakes this area of behaviour which he would g literally anything to undo, while oth by restraint and discipline and Christ faith, have stepped from dating and co ship into marriage with happy memories a no heavy regrets for the past.

A Word of Warning

We should not leave this subject in day without a word about physical fam arity. There is a place for physical fam arities and that place is within marria

All such familiarity is preparatory greater familiarity; it brings the cou closer together and leads naturally to marriage relationship. To stop midway difficult and even unnatural. To do so r result in emotional upsets and it may e seem impossible to stop. Yet fornicatio condemned in Scripture as sinful. The o behaviour for Christian young people t is disciplined restraint, and when they ercise it God gives them rich blessi within their marriage relationship l which they would not have otherwise.

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The Holy Spirit Speaks of Christ

No. 3 in a Series: "The Work of the Holy Spirit"

I John 4:2,3

ior High (12-14 Years) *JUNE 19*

*Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong**

AIMS

1. To see the vital relation between the Holy Spirit and the person and work of Jesus Christ.
2. To help realize anew how important the Holy Spirit's work is to us.

oducing the Topic

his is the third topic dealing with the ral subject of the work of the Holy t. Pause for a moment and review t you have learned thus far about the Spirit.

no doubt is hard for you to think of Holy Spirit as a person since we usually k of a spirit as something ethereal—quite real. However, the Holy Spirit al and is a person, not "it" but "He." ou have noted how that Spirit leads all truth and how He convicts of sin righteousness and judgment. The topic re us relates the work of the Holy it to Jesus Christ. Unless we under-d Him in this way we will never fully erstand His work on our behalf.

Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ

may seem rather odd to us in 1960, the church in its early history debated relationship of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. A very important y synod of the church stated that the y Spirit comes from the Father and the . Have someone read John 16:7. Here is points out that it is necessary for n to go in order that the Spirit may ne.

t this point in your meeting you might uss, for a moment, this question: Since is preached, healed the sick, raised the d, etc., would it not have been better the church if He had remained here ier than sending the Holy Spirit? The ious answer is that Jesus was histor-ly confined to Palestine, but the Holy rit makes Him present everywhere. Again is very important for us to relate the ly Spirit to the words and work of is, otherwise there will be all kinds of as which are foreign to the Bible. For mple, there have always been groups people in the church who have be-ed that the Holy Spirit gives them w truths" which no one else ever heard before. How do we know if such people wrong or right? The answer is that Holy Spirit is not something new or erent but He reminds us of the words work of Jesus Christ. Read both John 13,14 and John 6:63.

e Holy Spirit and e Person of Jesus

We must all be aware that there are ny kinds and types of religion and so-led Christianity in the United States. ve the young people discuss, for a mo-nt, the people who sell the *Watchtower* ehovah's Witnesses) or the Mormons or Christian Scientists.

Why, do you suppose, do most churches ect these groups as not truly represent-historic Christianity? What do you nk it means to be tolerant? Although we believe in freedom of religion in our countries, does this mean that we ought not to point out the mistakes of these other groups? Why do we call them sects or "isms"?

One of the measuring sticks of true Christianity is found in I John 4:1-3. To confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh means to confess first of all the reality of our Lord Jesus as God's eternal Son. It means also to believe in our Lord's incarnation—or life on earth in order to live and die for sinners. The Bible is quite strong here and suggests that disbelief is the spirit of antichrist. Do you believe, with this in mind, that it is safe to say that anyone who denies that Jesus is God is not a Christian? Is it enough to believe that Jesus is a good example or a great teacher? It is a fine thing for young people to be tolerant but this does not mean we must admit strange teaching into the church. The Holy Spirit magnifies the person of Jesus. Confession, apart from this, is insufficient.

The Holy Spirit and The Work of Jesus

We must try never to forget that when the Christian Church speaks of God we are speaking of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. However, for the sake of our own understanding we try to understand what the work of God is. We think of God the Father as the Creator. We think of God the Son as Redeemer. How shall we think of God the Holy Spirit? The answer is, as the Applier (Read Monday's Daily Reading).

The Holy Spirit makes the work of Jesus Christ of real importance and value to us. It is wonderful to know that Jesus died for sinners. The Holy Spirit makes it even more wonderful when He teaches us, "Christ died for me!"

The Holy Spirit and The Mission of Jesus

How many young people know the great commission? Read Matthew 28:19,20 and Acts 1:8. Jesus, when He was upon earth, saw the people of His day as "sheep without a shepherd." This was also the burden of His great commission. There are thousands who live and die without Jesus Christ. It was the message of God's love for men in Jesus Christ that sent the apostles out to the far corners of the world to preach the Gospel. (Have someone read Friday's Bible reading: Acts 4:8-12. Also read Acts 2:14.

Pause and ask someone to tell the story of Peter's three-fold denial. What do you suppose happened to Peter? Jesus Himself gives us the clue in Acts 1:8a: "Ye shall receive power." Only through the Holy Spirit's power was it possible for men who were once afraid to stand up and fearlessly preach Jesus Christ.

This is part of the work of the Holy Spirit. He enables us to make Christ known.

The Holy Spirit and the Believer

Have someone read Acts 2:37. Did you know that Acts 2:14-36 is a sermon? If you have time read it in your meeting. If not, be sure to read it before.

You will find that this is not a very pleasant sermon. Many of the things that Peter says are rather hard to take. However, you will notice that those who listen are convinced of the truth that is preached. Why, do you suppose? The answer is that the Holy Spirit convinces and convicts the sinner.

Here is a truth we will have to learn again in the church. What is it that changes men's hearts? The sermon? It may well be the means, but through it the Holy Spirit speaks. The truth of the matter is then that we are completely dependent upon the Holy Spirit.

What does this mean for us? It means that we, as young people, ought to ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand what is being said that we may know the full meaning of the witness of the Gospel.

The Holy Spirit and the Inner Life

There is another truth about the Holy Spirit we must not neglect as young people and yet one that is hard to explain. The Holy Spirit makes us living examples of the grace of God. Have someone read Saturday's Bible reading: II Corinthians 3:2-4.

What is an epistle? There is an interesting little verse that says:

"We are the only Gospel
This careless world will read;
We are the sinner's Gospel,
We are the scoffer's Creed."

This means that our lives have to tell for Jesus. Men must be able to "read" in our lives the message of the wonderful Gospel of grace.

Summary

Since this topic is rather deep and hard to understand, ask the young people to stop and reconsider what they have heard and then seek to answer the following questions for themselves:

1. Who is the Holy Spirit? What is His chief work?
2. Can I have the Holy Spirit without believing in Jesus Christ?
3. How can I know (one mark) if some new religion or sect or church is true?
4. What does the Holy Spirit tell *me* about John 3:16?
5. What is my task with respect to Acts 1:8 in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Suggested Hymns

Such hymns as *Faith of Our Fathers, Holy, Holy, Holy* and *With Thy Spirit Fill Me* are appropriate.

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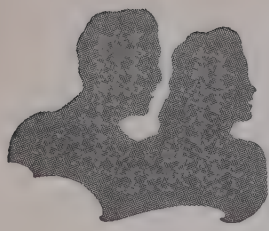

Sweethearts Forever

No. 3 in a Series: "Boy-Girl Relationships"

I Corinthians 13:4-13

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *JUNE*

*Comments by Dr. Lawrence Bixler**

Promoting the Meeting

Since we are thinking of harmony in marriage throughout life, pictures of couples from newly-weds through old age could be placed on a poster with the theme of the meeting in bold letters.

People from these age levels could be asked to speak to your group on the general topic of what makes a couple "Sweethearts Forever."

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *I Am Thine, O Lord*
Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Scripture: I Corinthians 13:4-13
Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
Prayer: Ask everyone in the group to pray while the leader directs
Solo: *I Love You Truly* or any song which is in keeping with marriage could be used
Presentation and Discussion of the Topic
Life Problem Discussion
Benediction

Leader's Talk

According to Christian teaching marriage should "be held in honor among all" (Hebrews 13:4). Paul has admonished "Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord," and ". . . husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her" (Ephesians 6:22-25). Christians are to respect their marriage vows. They are to cleave to their mates "for better and for worse; for richer and for poorer; in sickness and in health . . . to love and to cherish until death do us part."

However, the Christian sees more to marriage than a legal contract of this kind. The New Testament presents the idea that marriage is an interpersonal relationship. "The two shall become one flesh." But how is this accomplished? Does it happen automatically when people get married? What are some things that deepen love one for another? What are some things which destroy love?

In our consideration of these let us look at the Scripture lesson. There are many implications of Paul's statement in I Corinthians 13:4-13 as it applies to marriage.

Love is fundamental in all human relationships. Perhaps we need to define "love"; for to many it is a sentimental something that is not definable. And to others, love is primarily physical attraction. Is this what Paul means by *love?* Is *love* something that one falls into or is it something that one builds? If it is built what is its foundation and what are its materials?

One cannot have a good marriage if he tries to use his mate as a tool to gratify his own desires, whatever they may be. This is treating the mate as something less than a person. Love is a kind of personal relationship; the word is not properly applied to a relationship between a person and a thing. Basically "love" is a genuine respect for the other person. This being so it is possible to develop love.

Love is to be valued above all spiritual gifts. In our Scripture lesson Paul indicates that the gifts of prophetic power, wisdom, faith, and sacrifice will be void of profit if one does not have love. Our present culture emphasizes performance so much that there is a temptation to respect others because of what they can *do.* But the Christian concept of love is that we respect people because of what they *are* and *can become.*

The meaning of love in our everyday experience. "Love is patient and kind." If patience and kindness is the rule in the day-to-day experience of a couple, love will never die but will become deeper and more meaningful as time passes. Losing one's temper and cruelty will destroy love.

"Love is not jealous or boastful." Jealousy and boastfulness tend to make one feel superior to others. Success in marriage is accomplished easier and more often when the mates attempt to make *the other* person important and needed.

"It is not arrogant or rude." Politeness and humility are two traits of character that make for happy marriages. These demonstrate in deeds, which are more important than words, that there are deep feelings of respect and admiration for the other person.

"Love does not insist on its own way." This is what we call emotional maturity. It is the ability to control one's own desires in deference to the rights and desires of others.

"It is not irritable or resentful." Resentment has ruined many a marriage. Especially is this true when resentments which do not originate in the home are expressed there. Many husbands have resentments which were caused by something at work. They, then, take these out on their wives and families. Irritability may have an organic base; if so one needs to consult a medical doctor. Resentments can be helped by recognizing that all of us may have limitations and that no situation is ideal. A good hobby might be helpful.

"It does not rejoice in the wrong, but rejoices in the right." Some English versions insert the words "taketh not account of evil," just before this phrase. The idea that is expressed in these statements is that those who love do not keep account o wrongs that others do, and then rejoi them. In marriage each partner shoul joice in the successes of the other. marriage partners should complement other and not become competitors. petition will destroy love!

"Love bears all things; believes all t hopes all things; endures all things." couples have had times of disagree resentment, and even rudeness and cr but their love was strong enough to tri over these threats to marital success happiness.

Love is the dominant attitude of the ture person. Much is being written o subject of personality development t In these books there is a great emp upon the importance of developing m attitudes which affect better interper relations. Christian love is basic in attitudes.

Case Problem

Joe and Sally have been married eight years. They have four children. was a Roman Catholic before her mar she gave up her church to marry Joe. sequently, the marriage was opposed Sally's family. Sally has worked most o time since their marriage, except for months each time a baby was born. has a very good employment record.

Joe has had a good many jobs, bu not been able to stay with any one. says that he quit each of them bec of the working conditions, such as hours, having to do all the menial a boss that was abusive, etc. Yet he i on buying expensive clothing, automo etc. Joe is the only child and admits he has always had everything he wa Joe is very aggressive and seldom will in on anything.

Sally's folks have convinced her tha has had a bad marriage. They want to leave Joe. What should Sally do? can be done for Joe? How can this be done?

Suggested Solutions

1. Find out from Joe whether he his wife and family. Point out the c quences of his threatened divorce. really wants his marriage, then he assume some responsibility and pursue havior which will build a foundatio love and respect.

2. Point out to Joe that every job some unpleasant "working condition adults know how to cope with these pleasant things.

3. Improve communication between and Joe. This means an honest attemp understand the other person's point of

The outcome of the case was brief follows: Sally began divorce proceed This caused Joe to face the situation ously. He came to realize that he ne to "grow up," as he put it. He has a and they are getting along better than ever have.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Do you feel that there is popular acceptance of Paul's teaching concerning the meaning of love? Why?
2. Has the modern view of romantic love altered the understanding of love in "Christian" marriage today?
3. How can there be improvement made in the understanding of the meaning of love?

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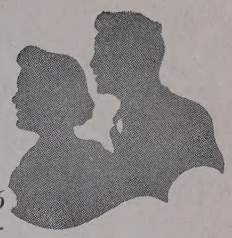
God's Star-Studded Show

Psalm 19



ior High (12-14 Years) *JUNE 26*

*omments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh**

Poster

ıt out silver stars and paste on dark cardboard. With white ink print: ve off every other engagement and to study the stars. Leave the church (hayride, hike) Sunday, ... P.M."

gestions

ıe of the most wonderful times to rve the beauty of the skies is on a sum- night when the skies are sprinkled "the starry hosts." Before you have program announce the purpose of meeting (See Aims). Explain that ı we go around with our heads down, ɔtting to look up and notice the silent ıty that God has given.

ɔr this meeting plan a hayride if you preferably with enough hay that you lie back and really observe the heavens. ɔu can't plan that, make it a hike end- where you can all lie on your backs on nvenient hillside and take in the beauty he heavens. See if there is not some ɔn in your community who knows a l bit about astronomy. Ask him or to come along, and as you ride along, ıe on your backs, let him or her talk ıt the vastness and wonder of the uni- e. If you don't have someone who is uthority in astronomy, perhaps one or e of your group would like to find out ething about astronomy to share with group.

Worship

hayride or hike is always a good time sing. Ask your song leader just for to see how many songs you can find have something about the heavens in ı.

ɔr Scripture use Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 6.

Topic

eader: It will be to the leader's ad- ıage to have at his command many s about the stars, their constellations, planets, etc. This, however, is not the t important element in the leader's ɔaration. Rather it is his own appreciа- of the vastness and the order of the erse which will have the greatest value. lans for this meeting will need to be e carefully if the experience is to ful- its purpose. Lay plans for an indoor gram in case of cloudy weather.

ow often we are guilty of living in ıtiful surroundings and not even see- them! Often the only time we notice ıre is when it is unpleasant for us or rrupts our plans. And yet if we stop check up, we find that usually the truly t men and women who have contributed history in a significant, generous way people who have been great lovers of ıre and who have gained inspiration, wledge, and help from the various as- ts of nature.

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OUR AIMS

1. To capitalize on Christian Endeavorers' interest in the heavens.
2. To appreciate the handiwork of God.
3. To know definitely the "Bright and Morning Star—Jesus Christ."

Let us turn to Jesus, the greatest of all. He lived in nature constantly. He beheld all the beauties of nature with the wonderment of a child. He used examples in nature to explain to us what God is like, and often at night He went alone to some beautiful spot where He could truly commune with His Father and there gain renewed strength for the day to come.

If we would learn to be sensitive to the glory declared through nature, we would learn much not only about how to grow and live, but also much about God, His universe and His will. The purpose of this topic is to develop within each one of us a greater appreciation for God the Creator.

(Note: The leader will capitalize certainly on all the experiments of man to enter outer space and, of course, will mention contact already made with the moon.)

From your library secure "Field Book of the Skies" or other materials. The ten-cent store has "Seeing Stars."

Background of Star-Gazing

The moon and the stars have always aroused the curiosity and wonder of men. The first of the really great discoveries about our universe were made by the astronomers. Many early peoples felt that they could find in the stars the answers to their questions about the universe and about God.

The stars have served as guide-posts and clocks for thousands of years. Mariners set their courses by the stars and Indians told the time of night by the position of the Big Dipper. One large watch factory has an observatory and announces "time by the stars" on its radio program. After a brief study of stars and star maps you too will be able to approximate the time of night by looking at the stars.

Before the telescope, man had counted no more than three thousand stars. Yet at that same time we have the story of God's promise to Abraham that his descendants should be as the number of the stars and the sands of the sea. Modern scientists now tell us that the number of the stars is just about as large as the numbers of the sands on all the seashores of the world! Of course, many of these stars are not visible to the naked eye and some are beyond the reach of the most powerful telescopes. How many stars would you guess are visible to us tonight?

The Psalmist sang, "Is not God in the height of the heavens?" When we see the star-studded show on a summer night we can sing similarly. But today we can do more. We today can know that God did not stop revealing Himself to men in the wonderful works that reveal His workmanship. He went on to speak to men. He spoke in the revelation of His law. In the New Testament (Hebrews 1:1-3), we have further word from God. "God who . . . . spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." It is this last and final revelation of God that is the most complete and best. It is so complete that Jesus could say, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

God's Star of Love

God's star is one of hope and love. Was it not love that was in the heart of God when He gave His Son, the first Christmas gift, to the world? Was it not love in the heart of the Son that won for Him the beautiful reputation among His countrymen, "Jesus of Nazareth, who went about doing good"?

Did not Sir Wilfred Grenfell choose this star to follow, even if it led him into the icy fields and waters of far-away Labrador to minister even unto the least?

Was this the star that guided Walter Reed, and inspired him to offer even his life that the scourge of yellow fever might be lifted from humanity?

Is it not this star that sent the triple-talented European—Albert Schweitzer—to Africa, there to bury himself in a ministry of healing and mercy?

When opportunities to behold the glories and beauties of the wonderful world that God has made are presented to us, let us rejoice afresh in the fact that we know personally the God whose handiwork is thus wonderfully displayed. Let us remember also that there are still millions on earth who have only this flickering candle of light concerning God who will perish for lack of the knowledge of Christ's redemption unless someone takes the message concerning Him to them. Let this challenge be the sobering thought that runs through all our plans for this summer. And may each one of us be willing to do what He wants us to do!

"The sun, the moon, the stars, the seas,
the hills, and the plains,
Are not these, O soul, the vision of him
who reigns?"

To Close

Have a place on your program for absolute silence. Make this a time to look up into the heavens, a time for quiet meditation, a chance to hear God speak individually. Possibly a violinist could play in the distance.

If you desire discussion, let the group chat about the stars and God's marvelous handiwork. What can we glean from "considering the heavens"?

"Guiding the stars through the heaven's
span,
Guide thou my life through thy infinite
plan,
There is a place, a work, for me,
Loving, rejoicing and living for Thee."

—Marceline Freeman Jones

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for June, 1960. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.

Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M., May 30. The Guide to Truth. John 16:12-15.
T., May 31. The Promise of the Holy Spirit. Joel 2:28,32.
W., June 1. The Inspired Scriptures. II Timothy 3:14-17.
T., June 2. Prophecy by the Holy Spirit. II Peter 1:19-21.
F., June 3. Spirit of Truth vs. Error. I John 4:4-6.
S., June 4. The Indwelling Teacher. I John 2:27,28.
Sun., June 5. Topic—The Holy Spirit of Truth. John 14:17.

M., June 6. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. Isaiah 63:7-10.
T., June 7. The Spirit of Life. II Corinthians 3:6-8.
W., June 8. Free From Law of Sin. Romans 8:1-14.
T., June 9. Conviction of Sin. Acts 5:1-10.
F., June 10. The Spirit and Simon Magus. Acts 8:18-24.
S., June 11. The Spirit and the Sorcerer. Acts 13:6-12.
Sun., June 12. Topic—The Holy Spirit Convicts. John 16:7-11.

M., June 13. The Spirit Witnesses. John 15:26,27.
T., June 14. Empowered to Witness. Acts 1:6-8.
W., June 15. Witness of the Holy Spirit. I John 5:5-8.
T., June 16. The Spirit and the Pentecost Sermon. Acts 2:4,14-36.
F., June 17. Witnessing in the Spirit. Acts 4:8-12.
S., June 18. Living Epistles by the Holy Spirit. II Corinthians 3:2-4.
Sun., June 19. Topic—The Holy Spirit Speaks of Christ. I John 4:2,3.

M., June 20. "When I Consider Thy Heavens." Psalm 8.
T., June 21. "By the Light of That Star." Matthew 2:1-11.
W., June 22. Lights in the Heavens. Genesis 1:14-19.
T., June 23. When the Stars Sang. Job 38:1-7.
F., June 24. A Sign of God's Promise. Genesis 15:3-7.
S., June 25. God's Morning Star. Revelation 22:13-16.
Sun., June 26. Topic — God's Star-Studded Show. Psalm 19.

Senior-Young People's Daily Readings

M., May 30. God's Power Kit. I Corinthians 1:27-29.
T., May 31. Power to Witness. Acts 4:26-31.
W., June 1. Coming of Power. Acts 2:1-4.
T., June 2. Power over the Flesh. John 17:1-4.
F., June 3. Power Promised. Joshua 1:6-9.
S., June 4. God, Our Strength. II Samuel 22:31-37.
Sun., June 5. Topic—Power Unlimited. Micah 3:8a; Luke 4:14; Acts 1:8.

M., June 6. Act Exemplary. Matthew 5:13-16.
T., June 7. Put First Things First. Luke 12:29-32.
W., June 8. Christian Friendship. Galatians 6:1-5.
T., June 9. Jacob Meets Rachel. Gensis 29:13-20.
F., June 10. Be Careful. Matthew 5:27-30.
S., June 11. Isaac Meets Rebekah. Genesis 24:61-67.
Sun., June 12. Topic—Boy Meets Girl. Proverbs 18:24a.

M., June 13. Danger of Lust. I Peter 2:18,19.
T., June 14. Unspotted. James 1:27.
W., June 15. Reward for Purity. Psalm 24:3-5.
T., June 16. Influencing Others. I Thessalonians 5:11-15.
F., June 17. Overcome Temptation. Hebrews 2:14-18.
S., June 18. The Golden Rule. Luke 6:31.
Sun., June 19. Topic—Boy Dates Girl. II Corinthians 5:8-15.

M., June 20. Mosaic Laws of Divorce. Deuteronomy 24:1-4.
T., June 21. Marriage Divinely Appointed. Mark 10:6-9.
W., June 22. The Folly of David. II Samuel 2:1-5.
T., June 23. Mutual Submission. Ephesians 5:22-31.
F., June 24. Advice from Peter. I Peter 3:1-9.
S., June 25. Love Each Other. Colossians 3:15-19.
Sun., June 26. Topic — Sweethearts Forever. I Corinthians 13:4-13.

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14 —New England Regional Conference nam, Connecticut
27-30—New York, Kingston

JUNE
16-19—Ohio, Columbus
17-19—Indiana, Huntington
23-26—California, San Jose
23-26—Michigan, Grand Rapids
23-26—Texas, Corpus Christi
25-July 2—Massachusetts, Northfield (Summer Conference)

JULY
5- 8—West Virginia, Buckhannon
15-17—Golden Rule, Frederick, Maryland (Summer Conference)
27-30—North Carolina, Crestmont

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Topics for JUNE

June 5. Heroes of the Church. Ephesians 4:1
June 12. Can I Be a Hero? Matthew 20:2
June 19. God's Plan for My Life. Proverbs 3:5,6; Luke
June 26. Search the Scriptures. John 5:39; Psalm 1

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recent trip to The West Indies to preside as acting Bishop he West Indies United Brethren Conference, Dr. Clyde W. ws, International Society president, met with many Chris- ndeavorers. Officers of the Jamaica Union, including the l secretary, Rev. Luther Gibbs, honored him at tea at the .A. in Kingston. Later over 400 people attended a rally Moravian Church in that city. Dr. Meadows also partici- in a Christian Endeavor rally at York Penn, on the west the island, with over 600 in attendance. Later on a trip Bahamas, Dr. Meadows attended a Christian Endeavor n Nassau with about 300 present.

than three million copies of the March-April 1960 25th ersary issue of THE UPPER ROOM were distributed. This ncluded material prepared by Klara E. Csia of Switzerland, ly an active Christian Endeavor worker in Hungary.

lyn Brothers, of San Jacinto (Texas) District Union, reports ne theme for the convention April 1-2 at Second Christian h, Houston, was "Christian Endeavor in the Knowing." A. Jeffery, extension secretary of the International Society, at the opening session and was one of the conference lead- Other conferences were led by Mrs. Rose Scofield and Fred d. Gloria I. McDonald, Division A Citizenship Contest win- the newly-elected president of the district. Officers were ed at the banquet, which closed the convention.

g the Australia Convention in Melbourne a plaque, com- rating the first Christian Endeavor society, was unveiled at trobe Terrace Church of Christ in Geelong. The first group t Hope Street Church of Christ, later transferring to the t site. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Thurgood, who had recently from North America, were instrumental in organizing the on June 5, 1883.

housand participated in the open air rally which was a part 28th National Australian Convention held recently in Mel- e. Attendance at evening sessions, when Rev. Joseph D. Blinco of Billy Graham's team was the speaker, averaged 3,000, with 5,000 present for the closing session. The convention choir of 180 voices was directed by Arthur Haskel, who composed a choral prelude based on the convention theme, "God Has a Plan." At the final consecration rally Rev. A. S. Tinsley was installed as the new president. Convention fellowship was brought to a climax with a full-day picnic on the closing day.

As the result of an article appearing in THE CHURCH HERALD, members of the Grand Rapids High School Christian Endeavor Union collected blankets to be sent to disaster-stricken people and refugees. At the final rally of the campaign it was reported that the 650 members had secured 237 blankets. In the photo are shown (left to right) Jud Hondorp, John Van Belois, David Mouw (president of the union), Ann Vande Bunte, Rev. Ray DeVries (sponsor), and Velma Korf. The trucks in the background were donated by the Hofstra Moving Company for use in the collection efforts.

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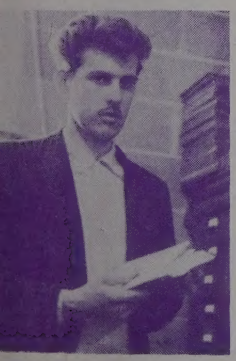

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